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SUBJECT: TRIPCO PETROLEUM INC., LONDON

REF: DAMASCUS 56, PARA. 3.

1. GOL PETROLEUM MINISTER HAS REQUESTED AMBASSADOR FOR FURTHER INFO ON BONA FIDES OF TRIPCO, WHICH APPLIED FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION RIGHTS OFFSHORE LEBANON JAN. 17.

2. REFTTEL REPORTED SIMILAR APPROACHES TO SYRIANS, LISTED TRIPCO PETROLEUM GROUP COMPONENTS AS TRIPCO PETROLEUM CO.; CITY PETROLEUM CO., SUBSIDIARY OF CITY INVESTING CO., AND DRILLAMEX, SUBSIDIARY AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.

3. ACTION REQUESTED; NONE OF ABOVE PETROLEUM FIRMS LISTED EMBASSY'S OIL AND GAS INTERNATIONAL YEARBOOK. GOL INTERESTED IN TRIPCO'S HISTORY, QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXPLORATION HERE. WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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APPRECIATE ANY PERTINENT INFO, FOR RELEASE GOL. TRIPCO APPLICATION

MADE BY JOHN F. TOLLESON, TRIPCO PETROLEUM INC., 36 HARTFORD STREET (PROBABLY HERTFORD), LONDON W1Y7TG. (COMMENT BY INFO POSTS ALSO WELCOME.)

4. COMMENT; TRIPCO REPORTEDLY OFFERED LEBANON 80PER CENT ANY OIL OR GAS FOUND. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, GOL SUSPENDED ISSUANCE NEW EXPLORATION PERMITS IN 1971, PENDING REVISION OUTDATED MINING LEGISLATION. APPLICATIONS STILL ACCEPTED AND KEPT ON FILE. NO INDICATION WHEN EXPLORATION MIGHT RESUME BUT SOMETIME THIS YEAR WOULD BE LOGICAL GUESS. GODLEY

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